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SUBJECT: KOREAN SITREP, MAY 21, 1980, 5:00 P.M.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. SEOUL, PUSAN, AND TAEGU ARE CALM. IN SEOUL A TRUCK CONVOY LOADED WITH SPECIAL FORCES TROOPS WITH FIXED BAYONETS HAS BEEN PASSING THROUGH THE STREETS. IT IS MOVING SLOWLY AND HAS THE AIR OF A PARADE OR A SHOW OF FORCE. IN PUSAN, BPAO REPORTS ROK MARINES GUARDING A MAJOR CENTRAL MARKET. ANOTHER MARINE DETACHMENT IS POSTED OUTSIDE A TEMPLE WHERE BUDDHISTS ARE HOLDING SERVICES FOR BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY AND FROM WHICH A TORCHLIGHT PARADE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN THIS EVENING.
3. KWANGJU: VIOLENCE CONTINUES. AUTHORITIES HOLD ONLY THREE BUILDINGS IN THE CITY: THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING, THE PRISON, AND THE POLICE HQ. POLICE HEMMED [REDACTED]

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INSIDE THE PROVINCIAL BUILDING SAY THEY HAVE HEARD GUN-FIRE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. POLICE ALSO REPORT A CROWD BURNED THE POLICE STATION IN Hwasun, A TOWN NEAR KWANGJU. THEY REPORT FURTHER THAT THE KWANGJU MOB HAS ATTACKED AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED TWO INDUSTRIAL PLANTS: A GOLD STAR ELECTRONIC FACTORY, WHOSE OWNERS THE CROWD FELT CAME FROM THE RIVAL KYONGSANG REGION, AND AN ASIA AUTO CO. FACTORY FROM WHICH "MANY" BUSES AND TRUCKS WERE COMMANDEERED. ADDITIONALLY, PRESS SOURCES,

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WHOSE REPORTS HAVE GENERALLY PROVEN INFLATED THOUGH NOT TOTALLY INACCURATE, REPORT THAT A CROWD IN NAJU, A SMALL CITY BETWEEN MOKP'D AND KWANGJU, SEIZED FIREARMS FROM AN ARSENAL AND ENGAGED IN A GUNFIGHT WITH POLICE. ANOTHER PRESS REPORT SAYS HELICOPTERS ARE SCATTERING LEAFLETS IN KWANGJU URGING THE CROWD TO DISPERSE AND PROMISING TROOPS WILL BE PULLED OUT ONCE ORDER IS RESTORED. LATEST POLICE REPORTS DO NOT MENTION THE NAJU INCIDENT OR ANY LEAFLETTING, BUT MERELY SAY THE CROWD IN THE CENTER OF TOWN IS "GROWING".

4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY: AS OF 4:00 P.M., THE BLUE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS "A BEEHIVE", WITH DOZENS OF REPORTERS AND POLITICIANS SEEN ENTERING. ACTIVITY MAY RELATE TO FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET.

5. PLAN TO HELICOPTER MISSIONARIES FROM KWANGJU CHRISTIAN CENTER TO ROKAF BASE (PARA 3 REFTL) IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE AT CHRISTIAN CENTER STATE THEY ARE SAFE WHERE THEY ARE FOR THE PRESENT. CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THEIR REMOVAL, IF NEEDED, ARE IN HAND. GLEYS EEN

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